

SI. N	District	Targets (Nos)	Disburse- meots by banks (Nos)	Target (Nos)	Disburse- ments by banks (Nos)	Target (Nos)	Disburse- ments by banks (Nos)
28	Bhandara	1100	442	1100	348	1250	233
29	Chandrapur	950	475	950	301	1100	183
30	Gadchiroli	350	89	250	119	250	34
	MAHARASHTRA		24836	42500	19677	43600	18139

Request for inclusion of Orissa in Special Category List

2762. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government has requested the Central Government to include Orissa in the list of special category states; and

(b) whether the Central Government would consider and declare Orissa as special category state considering the backwardness of state and after the devastation of last super cyclone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The issue of declaring Orissa as a Special category State is to be examined in the context of Gadgil formula which is the basis of inter-State allocation of Central Plan Assistance. The Planning Commission is in the process of examining the suggestions received from Chief Ministers regarding further revision of the formula. A final decision would be taken after consideration by NDC.

Strategy of 'Core Plan'

2763. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission had adopted a new strategy of 'Core Plan' to ensure that the funds allocated for States annual plan aje not diverted;